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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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Applicant
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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International application No. PCT/JP2005/003094	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 February 2005 (18.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 27 February 2004 (27.02.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant ITSUKI CO., LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
	<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. type of material<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing <input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p>b. format of material<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in written format <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p>c. time of filing/furnishing<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 5, 9	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 4, 6-8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 5, 9	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 4, 6-8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents are cited in the ISR:

Document 1: WO, 00-49875, A1 (Kureha Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), 31 August, 2000 (31.08.00), the claims, test examples, page 7, lines 21-27, & JP, 2003-89612, A

Document 2: JP, 5-91869, A (Yukishitsu Hiryo Seibutsu Kassei Ryo Gijutsu Kenkyu Kumiai), 16 April, 1993 (16.04.93), the claims, examples, [0010]

Document 3: JP, 6-133763, A (Showa Denko K.K.), 17 May, 1994 (17.05.94), the claims, examples, [0016]

Document 4: JP, 2001-346407, A (K.K. TS Shokubutsu Kenkyusho), 18 December, 2001 (18.12.01), the claims, examples

Document 5: WO; 03-46157, A1 (Kumiai Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), 5 June, 2003 (05.06.03), the claims, examples, page 6, & EP, 1449914, A1, & US, 2004-265292, A1, & JP, 2003-219863, A

Document 6: JP, 2-209803, A (Kureha Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), 21 August, 1990 (21.08.90), the claims, examples, page 2, upper right column, lines 18 and 19

Document 7: JP, 2003-289854, A (Yugen Kaisha Miroku Technology), 14 October, 2003 (14.10.03), the claims, examples, [0021]

Document 8: JP, 10-146187, A (Asada Shoji K.K.), 2 June, 1998 (02.06.98), the claims, examples, [0001]

Document 9: JP, 5-51305, A (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 2 March, 1993 (02.03.93), the claims, examples, [0016]

Document 10: JP, 2003-277210, A (Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.), 2 October, 2003 (02.10.03), the claims, examples, [0024]

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8

The subject matters of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-5.

Each of documents 1-5 describes agents and methods for controlling plant diseases to control phytopathogenic bacteria or fungi by means of bacteria that belong to the genus *Bacillus*.

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Claims 1, 4 and 6-8

The subject matters of claims 1, 4 and 6-8 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step in view of documents 6-10.

Each of documents 6-10 describes agents and methods for controlling plant diseases to control phytopathogenic fungi by means of bacteria that belong to the genus *Bacillus*.

Claims 2, 5 and 9

Specific strains of a bacterium that belongs to the genus *Bacillus*, and the controlling agents to control phytopathogenic diseases by means of the said strains, both as described in claims 2 and 9, are not described in any of the documents cited in the ISR, or any of the documents that appear to be relevant to that invention, nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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